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REACH OUT, BUILD UP, SEND BACK

The unfolding story of the Overseas Christian Fellowship Australia, established in 1959.



A comprehensive account of the Overseas Christian Fellowship (OCF) Australia since its formation in 1959. Personal stories and local centre histories coalesce to suggest God's directing hand and grander design. For over 60 years, OCF Australia has been a vehicle for united Christian witness. Through its ministry many international students came to know Christ, were equipped for service and discovered a sense of lifelong mission.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Formation** - in the 1950s God gave a few overseas Christian students the desire to work together for more effective Christian witness.
- Growth** - In the later 20th century, huge changes in Australian immigration and education policy resulted in innovative local solutions and expansion.
- Reset** - OCF Australia pulled through the COVID-19 pandemic by rediscovering its calling as a spiritual family to those far away from home.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Reach Out, Build Up, Send Back paints a picture of what it means for OCF to be a spiritual family away from home for international students. It describes both the successes and pitfalls of the past. A good understanding of this history will help OCF face the future. It will also help Christians and faith-based organisations around the world who seek to share the gospel cross-culturally with the growing number of young people who travel for education today.

